

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A direct backlight-type liquid crystal display device, including a liquid crystal panel, a plurality of lamps which are disposed in the rear of the liquid crystal panel and arranged in parallel to the liquid crystal panel, a reflection plate which is disposed ~~in the rear~~ opposite to the liquid crystal panel of the lamps, and a die-cast frame made of lightweight metal for supporting the reflection plate,

wherein the die-cast frame is an integral structure comprising outer frame pieces having projecting pieces which project toward the liquid crystal panel and at least one or more linkage pieces which are provided for linking the longer sides of the outer frame pieces to each other;

an aperture space which is enclosed by the outer frame pieces and the linkage pieces is formed; and

a space for accommodating the lamps therein is formed by the projecting pieces.

2. (Original) A liquid crystal display device as defined in Claim 1, wherein the linkage pieces are provided with mount fixing portions for mounting the reflection plate.

3. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display device as defined in Claim 1, wherein the outer frame pieces are provided with mount fixing portions for mounting a frame of the liquid crystal panel.

4. (Original) A liquid crystal display device as defined in any of Claims 1 to 3, wherein the outer frame pieces are provided with through-holes through which lamp leads for connecting the lamps to a lamp lighting circuit board for driving the lamps are passed.

5. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display device as defined in any of Claims 1 to 3, wherein the linkage pieces are provided on the rear side thereof with mount fixing portions for mounting an electronic circuit board and/or a power supply board.

6. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display device as defined in any of Claims 1 to 3, wherein the linkage pieces are provided on the rear side thereof with holding portions for holding leads which connect between electronic circuit boards and/or power supply board.

7. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display device as defined in any of Claims 1 to 3, wherein the linkage pieces are provided on the rear side thereof with mount portions for mounting the liquid crystal display device on wall mount fittings.

8. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display device as defined in any of Claims 1 to 3, wherein the linkage pieces are provided on the rear side thereof with mount portions for mounting the liquid crystal display device on a desk-top stand.

9. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display device as defined in any of Claims 1 to 3, wherein the die-cast frame is made of a lightweight metal including aluminum or magnesium.